



Ref: PQ 30371/23

06th July 2023

Deputy David Cullinane
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Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 30371/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with spina bifida waiting for surgery on 1 May 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please find set out here-under the information you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC).

Please note that below data includes active, pre-admit and planned procedures (including suspensions). The number of patients suspended from the waiting list, as patient is temporarily unavailable, clinically unsuitable or has a provisional date for outsourcing for their procedure. This includes all suspensions (hospital or patient initiated).

CHI at Crumlin:

*Each month is pulled from nearest report to 01st May

**Historic inpatient lists pulled – as per NTPF

Spina Bifida Inpatient Waiting List as of 01 May	Spina Bifida patients awaiting Orthopaedic procedure	Number of Spina Bifida patients awaiting Orthopaedic procedure suspended	Spina Bifida patients awaiting Urology procedure - Inpatient / Day case	Number of Spina Bifida patients awaiting Urology procedure - Inpatient / Day case suspended
2015	10	0	No data available	No data available
2016	15	2	No data available	No data available
2017	14	1	0	0
2018	7	3	0	0
2019	9	0	0	0
2020	16	1	4	0
2021	13	1	2	0
2022	16	1	3	0
2023	11	1	4	0



CHI at Temple Street: Please note that prior to March 2022, our systems did not capture specific medical conditions

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2015	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2016	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2017	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2018	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2019	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2020	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2021	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2022	30	0	31	0
2023	47	1	22	0

National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC): CHI Initiative commenced in September 2021.

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2018	No data available	No data available
2019	No data available	No data available
2020	No data available	No data available
2021	No data available	No data available
2022 May	47	0
2023 March	24	2

Yours sincerely

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